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1. The Sakun Thai (Skul Thai), a Thai-language daily scheduled to appear in January 1950, is backed by Liang Chayakarn's Prachachon Party.
2. It is anticipated that the Thai Fratet (Thai Country), which is due for publication in January 1950, will be pro-Phibum, though not as consistently so as Tharmatipat.
3. The Daily Mail Press, pre-war publishers of the English-language Daily Mail, is contemplating the publication of a Thai-language paper beginning in April 1950 and an English-language daily, in May or June 1950. They have recently ordered a printing press from Japan which, it is expected, will arrive in Bangkok in late March 1950.
4. The Saikhlang, a new Thai-language daily owned by the Saikhung Press, will have as coeditors Chaluey Chayathart, former editor of Siam Rat (Rasdr), and Prasit Korakachinda. Since both Chaluey and Prasit were members of the wartime Free Thai, it is expected that the Saikhlang will be pro-Fridi.

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